

District Judge Jamal N. Whitehead

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

C.N.,

Plaintiff,

v.

DANIELLE LEHMAN, *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02031-JNW

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
February 12, 2025

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to hold this case in abeyance until August 29, 2025. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) adjudicate their Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Defendants substitute U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Acting Director Jennifer Higgins for Ur M. Jaddou and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem for Alejandro Mayorkas.

1 on February 14, 2025. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation.  
2 For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until August 29, 2025.

3 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706  
4 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to  
5 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for  
6 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.  
7 P. 1.

8 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial  
9 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for May 1, 2025. USCIS agrees  
10 to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview, absent  
11 unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for adjudication. If  
12 the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status report to the Court  
13 within seven calendar days. Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any,  
14 to USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit  
15 documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the adjudication  
16 delayed. If needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview, otherwise the interview will  
17 need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. Accordingly, the parties request this  
18 abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct Plaintiff’s asylum interview and then process their asylum  
19 application.

20 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the  
21 case in abeyance until August 29, 2025. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before  
22 August 29, 2025.

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1 DATED this 12th day of February, 2025.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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11 *I certify that this memorandum contains 384*  
12 *words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*

**ORDER**

The parties having stipulated and agreed, it is hereby so ORDERED. This case shall be held in abeyance until August 29, 2025. The parties shall file a stipulated motion for dismissal or a joint status report on or before August 29, 2025.

DATED this 14th day of February, 2025.



Jamal N. Whitehead  
United States District Judge